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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN RECOGNITION OF CHILEAN REGIME

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1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, RECOGNITION EXTENDED TO NEW CHILEAN REGIME VIA EXCHANGE OF NOTES. BRAZILIAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO RECEIVED NOTE FROM CHILEAN FOREIGN OFFICE SEPTEMBER 12 STATING THAT NEW REGIME HELD COMPLETE CONTROL OVER NATIONAL TERRITORY AND WOULD RESPECT CHILE'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

NOTE EXPRESSED DESIRE CHILEAN REGIME MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL. BRAZILIAN FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCED EVENING SEPTEMBER 13 THAT BRAZILIAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO INSTRUCTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE NOTE AND TRANSMIT BRAZILIAN DESIRE MAINTAIN BEST OF RELATIONS WITH CHILE.

2. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR BRASILIA, RAUL RETTIG, RESIGNED MORNING SEPTEMBER 13, LEAVING ROLANDO STEIN IN CHARGE OF MISSION. STEIN DISTRIBUTED COMMUNIQUE SEPTEMBER 13 GIVING JUSTIFICATION OF CHILEAN REGIME FOR OVERTHROW ALLENDE GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMUNIQUE, CONSISTING 14 POINTS, ACCUSES ALLENDE GOVERNMENT OF "GRAVE ILLEGITIMACY" IN RESTRICTING INDIVIDUAL

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LIBERTIES, OF IMPORTING "IDEAS TO OUR BACKGROUND"

IN ORDER TO PROMOTE "STERILE CLASS CONFLICT... AND DESTROY NATIONAL UNITY". COMMUNIQUE FURTHER CHARGES THAT ALLENDE GOVERNMENT IGNORED OR DISTORTED CONSTITUTION WHEN EXPEDIENT, AND IGNORED TRADITIONAL SEPARATION OF POWERS IN ATTEMPT TO CONCENTRATE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER IN HANDS OF EXECUTIVE; THAT ALLENDE DISSIPATED CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE OF PRESIDENT AS SUPREME MAGISTRATE BY TAKING DIRECTIONS FROM PARTY LEADERS; THAT GOVERNMENT SIMPLY IGNORED GRAVE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, AND TOOK ATTITUDE OF "ABSOLUTE INCAPACITY OR IRRESPONSIBILITY" TOWARD PROBLEMS OF ANARCHY AND LOSS OF MORAL AND ECONOMIC FIBRE. COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDES THAT ABOVE CONDITIONS POSED THREAT TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SECURITY OF NATION AND, "IN LIGHT OF CLASSIC DOCTRINE WHICH CHARACTERIZES OUR HISTORY" GAVE SUFFICIENT CAUSE TO DEPOSE ILLEGITIMATE AND NON-REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT; "AND THAT PRESENT REGIME WILL REMAIN IN POWER ONLY SO LONG AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE. CRIMMINS

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